Water supply in Dwarka

753. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Jal Board has refused to take over the water supply in Dwarka from the DDA, a mega sub-city, in the South-West Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that DJB does not shirk its responsibility of providing water to this colony which is already facing shortage of water supply; and

(d) whether the Sonia Vihar Plan which is proposed to be functioned shortly would meet the required water needs of Dwarka sub-city and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Delhi Development Authority (DDA) have informed that they have taken up the matter regarding the transfer of water supply in Dwarka sub-city with the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) who has intimated its policy to take over the network of the entire sub-city at one go *i.e.* after completion of all the six grids. 3 grids are already functional. It has also been reported by DDA that the issue of handing over of water supply system to Delhi Jal Board is pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

(d) The Delhi Jal Board has informed that the present water supply to Dwarka could be increased on account of displacement of water from South Delhi after Sonia Vihar Plan is fully functional.

Beautification of Marine Drive

754. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for beautification of Marine Drive;

(b) if so, whether the slums near the Drive are being rehabilitated to some other place; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Ministry has no such proposal under consideration at present.

(c) Question does not arise.

Assistance for National Renewal Mission

755. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are providing assistance to the extent of Rs. 10,000 crores annually as viability gap funding for the proposed National Renewal Mission to give some cities a reform driven fast track makeover;

(b) if so, the details of the cities that have been identified in Andhra Pradesh for upgradation of infrastructure, transport, development of slums, etc.; and

(c) the amount required to be allocated in 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to establish National Urban Renewal Mission in order to provide reform linked Central assistance to select cities for infrastructural development. Details of the Mission have not been finalised.

Covering of Nallahs

756. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to cover all the nallahs flowing in the residential areas of Delhi;

(b) if so, the length of nallahs to be covered, area-wise, the amount required for the purpose and time likely to be taken to complete the entire project;

(c) whether any elected representatives - MPs, MLAs and Corporators have offered their development funds to be used in this venture; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?